

hellish hatred of priests and everything Catholic, propagating the most infamous calumnies to blacken the character of ecclesiastics and, with Satanic persistency and cunning, trying to deceive the rude natives into the belief that the Catholic Church is the one enemy they have to fear and to hate. To this same Masonic propaganda of falsehood is also to be attributed the scurrilous lie regarding the Archbishop of Manila; also the silly story that sisters in the hospital had tried to deceive Dewey regarding the mines in the harbor. As to Masonry being at the bottom of the Philippine rebellion, the statement is quite in keeping with its traditional plotting against governments it could not use."

But God's mills grind slow but sure. He punishes nations, especially those highly favored by Him, particularly Catholic ones. In these days Providence plays an active part in scourging ungrateful people. War is cruel, but good will come of it, and the Church and Christianity will not be losers. May it be an effective blow to the enemies of holy Church which when deprived by nominal Catholic nations of her right to pursue her heaven-given mission is, nevertheless, unjustly held responsible for national and religious shortcomings. The enemy may rear its head to strike against God's Church, but she has long stood hell's might and upheld God's right, and well may we use concluding words of the late poem of our Holy Father, Leo XIII.:

"Glorious anon in triumph's wreathing bays,
Her eyes raised radiant to the Throne of Light,
She moves a queen, bediadem'd with praise."

The Same Old World.

There is food for thought in the words of a wise and observing priest who lately remarked that "the world will not cease persecuting God's Church because Catholics in peace or war, demonstrate their loyalty to the country with conspicuous patriotism, sacrifice and bravery. There will be, here and there, individual tributes to our high qualities in every phase of national life, but that element which represents the persecuting world will not abate its campaign of slander, defamation and even violence at times. I see articles in some of our papers extolling Catholic courage, self-abnegation, patriotism and so forth, as if pleading for a nobler cause on the part of hostile brethren, and as it were, taking for granted, that traditional enemies will be thereby disarmed; but we need not reckon too confidently on that line. It is the same old unbelieving world and when the war is over, Catholic devotion to the country may not count for as much as some optimists expect. Our Saviour told His chosen ones what they were to expect from the world. We may hope for the best, but we might as well be prepared for the worst. We will be persecuted while the world lasts, but we have the comfort of knowing that this is a mark of the Church's Divine foundation and that we may steadily abide in the promise of God's constant protection until the consummation of time."

St. Theresa suffered for twenty years from disinclination to prayer without letting herself be discouraged. This is of all her triumphs the one that surprises me most.—E. de Guérin.